

SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Attention: 401 Coordinator

OR

centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov

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Project Applicant: Union Pacific Railroad – Steve Cheney

Applicant's Agent: Arcadis – Doug Anderson

Project Name: Coast Subdivision Mile Post 233.01 Bridge Replacement

Receiving Water: Santa Margarita Creek

City/County: Santa Margarita / San Luis Obispo

Public Notice: February 24, 2020 – March 16, 2020

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to install two new culverts under the Union Pacific Railroad tracks where an aging bridge is being replaced.

The proposed project activities include:

- Replacing the concrete lined streambed under the bridge with two 72-foot long, 60-inch diameter corrugated steel pipes with a 13.6-foot-wide headwall on the outlet;
- Accessing the site from two access roads;
- Trimming vegetation, grading, and gravelling to create the access roads;
- Filling in low-water crossings to create temporary stream crossings;
- Clearing vegetation including several willows in two staging areas;
- Placing riprap along the stream banks at the inlet of the two new culverts for scour protection; and
- Embedding existing fiber optic cables deeper on both sides of the tracks to avoid damage from construction.

No mitigation is proposed. Union Pacific Railroad has requested that the Central Coast Water Board be the lead agency in filing for CEQA.